

# Battery Park City Open Community Meeting

*July 24, 2017*



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# AGENDA

- Welcome
- North Cove Sailing – Meg Reilly, Director
- BPC Highlights & Updates
- Upcoming Events
- Project Updates
- Allied Universal Security Update
- Q&A / Public Discussion



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# NORTH COVE SAILING



- **North Cove Sailing Community Sail Program:**
  - Free for BPC Residents, 9:00-10:00am every Sat. & Sun. thru October 28  
*(limit one sail / person / season)*
  - Sign up with promo code at: [northcovesailing.com/project/free-sail/](https://northcovesailing.com/project/free-sail/)
- **Stop by and say hello!**
  - Shoreside: 300 Vesey Street
  - Dockside: North Cove Marina
  - (212) 766-4302



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# BPC HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES



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# Community Highlights & Updates

## ✓ News You Can Use

- BPC Parks User Count & Survey
- Museum of Jewish Heritage – Free Membership
- BPC Library Branch – Reopening
- BPCA-CB1 Bicycles Working Group
- New CCSHS Fitness Equipment – Coming Soon
- Upcoming BPCA Board Meetings

## ✓ Community / Programming Highlights

- Downtown Little League – Opening Day
- Earth Day for Kids
- Star Wars in the Park: *May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You*
- North Cove Marina Community Kickoff
- Swedish Midsummer Festival
- BPC Community Field Day
- River & Blues Outdoor Concert Series
- Mexican Family Dance



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# BPC Parks User Count & Survey

- Partnership with Borough of Manhattan Community College to measure Parks usage – July thru October 2017
- Five-minute, 20-question survey of 1,200 randomly-selected Parks users at different days/times throughout study period
- Continues and formalizes earlier, unscientific efforts at quantifying Parks use



# Museum of Jewish Heritage – Free BPC Membership

- MJH Community Membership Program provides free Museum membership thru June 30, 2018 (proof of BPC residency required)
- Includes free Museum admission, discounted or free program tickets, and more
  - ✓ Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann (on view July 16-December 22) – Recently declassified artifacts and immersive multimedia presentations reveal the secret history behind the capture, extradition, and trial of one of the world’s most notorious war criminals.
- Program Commemorates MJH’s 20th Anniversary
- More Info: [mjhnyc.org/free-museum-membership/](http://mjhnyc.org/free-museum-membership/)



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# BPC Library Branch Reopening (June 23)

- BPC Library Branch, closed for refurbishing in March, hosted June Open House to welcome back local patrons
- Come visit today @ 175 North End Avenue (212) 790-3499
- More Info:  
[www.nypl.org/locations/battery-park-city](http://www.nypl.org/locations/battery-park-city)



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# BPCA-CB1 Bicycles Working Group

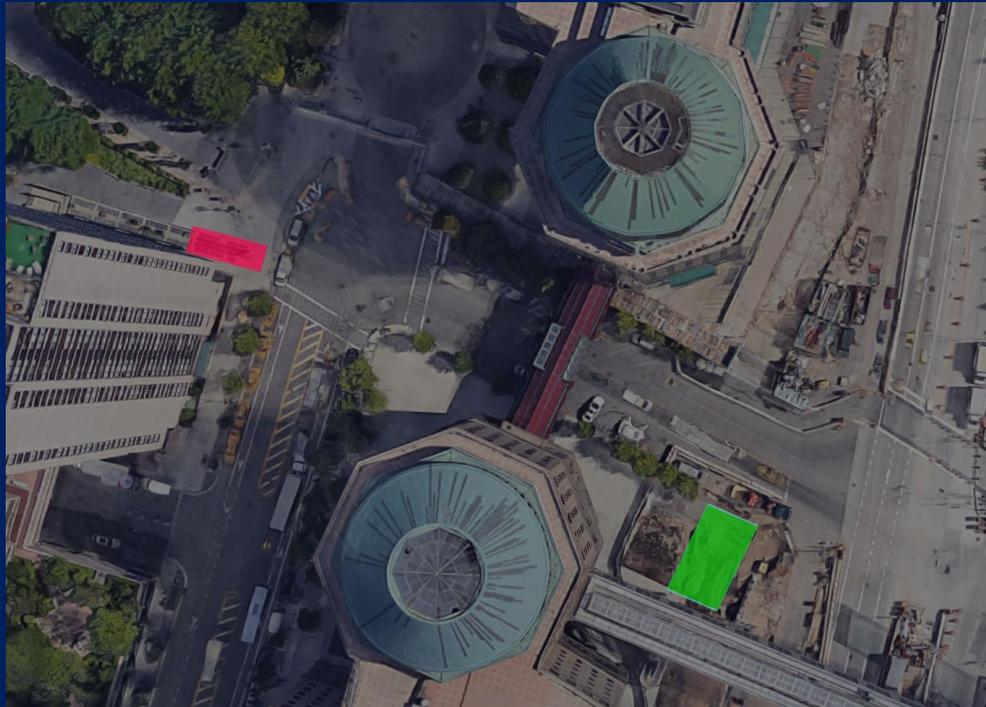
- BPCA-CB1 Working Group convened to develop suggestions for bicycle usage on the BPC Esplanade.
- Concepts:
  - ✓ Improved signage for BPC Esplanade to alert / direct cyclists to Hudson River Greenway Bike Path
  - ✓ Relocation of Citi Bike station @ Liberty Street & South End Avenue closer to Bike Path
  - ✓ Request State DOT to enhance Bike Path's boundaries / ground markings



Existing location



Suggested location



Current



Suggested



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# BPC Community Center Upgrades

- Community Center at Stuyvesant High School (CCSHS) to be upgraded with new equipment including:
  - ✓ Treadmills, trampolines, incline press machine, seated calf machine, dumbbells & rack
- Coming soon:
  - ✓ Stairmasters, back extension machine, linear leg press
- Same great rates:
  - ✓ Adults (18+): \$199
  - ✓ Adult Battery Park City Residents: \$179
  - ✓ Youth, Seniors (62+), Military: \$79
  - ✓ Battery Park City Resident Youths, Seniors & Military: \$59
- More Info: [bpcparks.org/whats-here/community-center/](https://bpcparks.org/whats-here/community-center/)



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# Upcoming BPCA Board & BPC Open Community Meetings

- BPCA Board Meetings (August & September)
  - ✓ Tuesday, August 15, 2pm @ 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor
  - ✓ Tuesday, September 26, 3pm @ 200 Liberty Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor
- More Info: [bpca.ny.gov/about/board-committees/](http://bpca.ny.gov/about/board-committees/)

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- Upcoming BPC Open Community Meeting
  - ✓ November (*date TBD*) 2017, 6pm @ 6 River Terrace
- More Info: [bpca.ny.gov/news/blog/](http://bpca.ny.gov/news/blog/)



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# Earth Day for Kids (April 21)

- In celebration of Earth Day, students from PS/IS 276 and BPC Day Nursery joined BPC Parks staff to celebrate nature and the environment



- More info: <http://bpca.ny.gov/environment/9868/>



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# Downtown Little League – Opening Day & 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (April 22)

- 1,600+ hours of Downtown Little League action @ BPC Ball Fields in 2017



- More Info: [downtownlittleleague.org/site](http://downtownlittleleague.org/site)



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# Star Wars in the Park: *May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You*

- BPC Parks Summer Programming kicked off *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* screening, May 4 @ Rockefeller Park – drawing hundreds



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# North Cove Marina Community Kickoff (May 24)

- Summer Season Launch Event w/Brookfield and IGY Marinas included live entertainment, free sailing, vintage boat tours, and more
- BPC Community proposed names for 12 new North Cove Sailing boats and one whaler; 120 submissions received

## (Sail Boats)

- Butterfly
- Scooter
- The Lark
- Sophie Eliza
- Lucille
- Amelia Jean
- Ruby Rose
- The Conquering
- Betty B
- Hudson Ranger
- Little Bird
- The Bug

## (Whaler)

- King Crab

- **Brookfield Events:**

- ✓ Après Wednesdays (5-8PM) – Live music, film screenings & more (thru 8/16)
- ✓ Lazy Sundays (2-5PM) – End your week on a high note with water views, cold drinks, and summer bites (thru 9/24)

- More info: [brookfieldplaceny.com/events](https://brookfieldplaceny.com/events)



*A capella group The Johnson Girls sings sea shanties at Marina Summer Kickoff Event*



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# Swedish Midsummer Festival @ Wagner Park (June 23)

- Approximately 6,500 revelers for the annual summer solstice celebration
- Guests learned folk dances, made midsummer wreaths, enjoyed a parade, children's games, and Swedish delicacies



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# BPC Community Field Day (June 30)

- Hundreds of attendees enjoyed free music, fitness classes, classic field day games like sack races, relays, and tug of war, and more
- Thanks to all who attended!

*“School is out and the fun was in at BPC Community Field Day, where all enjoyed a summer Friday filled with free activities for the whole family!” - Shari C. Hyman*



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# River & Blues Free Outdoor Concert Series

- Thursdays in July – 7pm @ Wagner Park



*Los Lobos – July 6*



*Rebirth Brass Band – July 13*



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*Bettye LaVette – July 20*



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# Mexican Family Dance (July 15 @ Esplanade Plaza)

- A crowd of approximately 800, and many more along the Esplanade, enjoyed the traditional dance, lively music, and native dress of the *Calpulli Mexican Dance Company*



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# UPCOMING PARKS EVENTS

- Upcoming Highlights (Free)
  - ✓ River & Blues Outdoor Concert Series, 7pm @ Wagner Park
    - July 27 – Vieux Farka Toure – With his unique and intricate fingerstyle playing, the artist delivers emotionally-charged songs and spectacular guitar work from his native Mali.
  - ✓ Strings-on-Hudson – Thursdays in August, 5:30pm @ Belvedere Plaza
  - ✓ Go Fish! (9/9, 9/23 & 10/14), 10am @ Wagner Park – A celebration of life in the Hudson estuary; musical performance by Dan Zanes & Friends
  - ✓ Dockapella (10/1), 1-4pm @ Wagner Park – An autumn celebration of intricately woven harmonies featuring collegiate acapella groups
  - ✓ Fitness Classes for Seniors @ 6 River Terrace
    - **Morning Meditation** – Mondays, 9:45-10:15am
    - **Group Exercise** – Mondays, 10:30-11:45am
    - **Zumba Gold** – Fridays, 10:30-11:45am
  - ✓ Sunset Yoga, Wednesdays thru September 27, 6pm @ Wagner Park (*all levels welcome*)
- Volunteer Opportunities Available w/ BPC Horticulture Department
- BPC Parks Fall Calendar (September-December ): Coming soon!

A poster for "Garden Volunteers Wanted" featuring a stack of terracotta pots. The text on the poster reads: "GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY AND EXPERIENCE ORGANIC, SUSTAINABLE GARDENING PRACTICES. GARDEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED. WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 8am-12pm. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US! call: 212-267-9700 email: info@bpcparks.org. Family Gardening at Go Fish! May 13 10am, Wagner Park. Help BPC Parks Horticulturalists garden in the planting beds of Wagner Park, followed by public fishing and art making. At 12pm enjoy a presentation of the play Dirt: The Secret Life Of Soil by Arm-Of-The-Sea Theater Company with giant puppets. Battery Park City Parks. www.bpcparks.org www.facebook.com/batteryparkcityparks https://www.instagram.com/bpcparks/ twitter:@bpcparks. WARNING: FRESH AIR AND GARDENING IS ADDICTIVE. THERE HAS BEEN A CONNECTION MADE BETWEEN WORKING IN THE GARDEN AND FEELING GOOD."/>

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# PROJECT UPDATES

- ✓ Irish Hunger Memorial
- ✓ NYC Police Memorial
- ✓ 200 Rector Street
- ✓ Pile Remediation & Caisson Repair
- ✓ South Battery Park City Resiliency
- ✓ West Thames Street Pedestrian Bridge



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# Irish Hunger Memorial – Leak Remediation & Waterproofing

- Memorial scheduled to reopen to public on July 28

*“In a neighborhood renowned for its world-class parks and open spaces, the Battery Park City Authority proudly bears responsibility for the maintenance and repair of these incredible public assets. We look forward to completing this necessary work on the Irish Hunger Memorial so that it may be enjoyed by the next generation of visitors.”*

*- Shari C. Hyman*

- More Info: [bpca.ny.gov/places/museums-memorials/?selected\\_id=264](https://bpca.ny.gov/places/museums-memorials/?selected_id=264)



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# NYC Police Memorial – New Electrical Vault Construction

- Project scheduled for completion over the next month
- Resiliency measure restores integral water and light features debilitated during Superstorm Sandy.
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# 200 Rector Place – Interior Fit Out

- New staff and community facility
- Replaces former space at The Regatta
- Tentatively scheduled for completion end of 2017
- Space to house new Allied Universal Command Center and community room for classes, programming, etc.



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# Pile Remediation & Caisson Repair

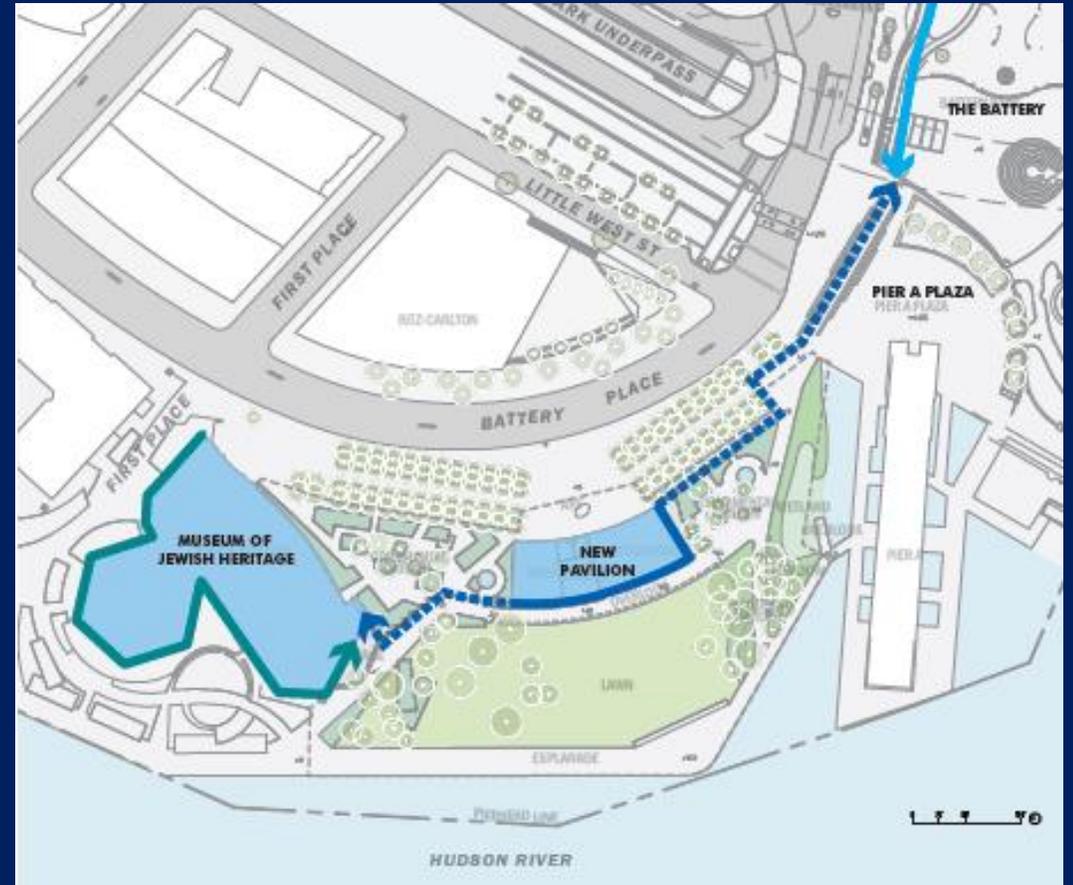
- Ongoing through October 31, 2017
- Preventive maintenance entails strengthening the pilings and caissons that support BPC's Esplanade and landfill – processes that will add decades to their useful life.
- Citywide construction hours:
  - ✓ Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm



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# South Battery Park City Resiliency (Wagner Park)

- Detailed Design and Engineering RFP issued July 14, 2017; responses due September 29, 2017
- Project scope includes additional community interface and opportunities for project feedback
- Detailed design and engineering services related to construction of a comprehensive flood barrier system extending from the Museum of Jewish Heritage to corner of Battery Place and State Street
- RFP development follows more than year of feedback/input from wide range of neighborhood stakeholders, elected officials, and in close consultation with State & City partners



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# West Thames Street Pedestrian Bridge

- Project scheduled for completion by mid-2018
- Joint initiative with NYC Economic Development Corporation, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, City & State DOT
- More Info:  
[www.nycedc.com/project/west-thames-street-pedestrian-bridge](http://www.nycedc.com/project/west-thames-street-pedestrian-bridge)



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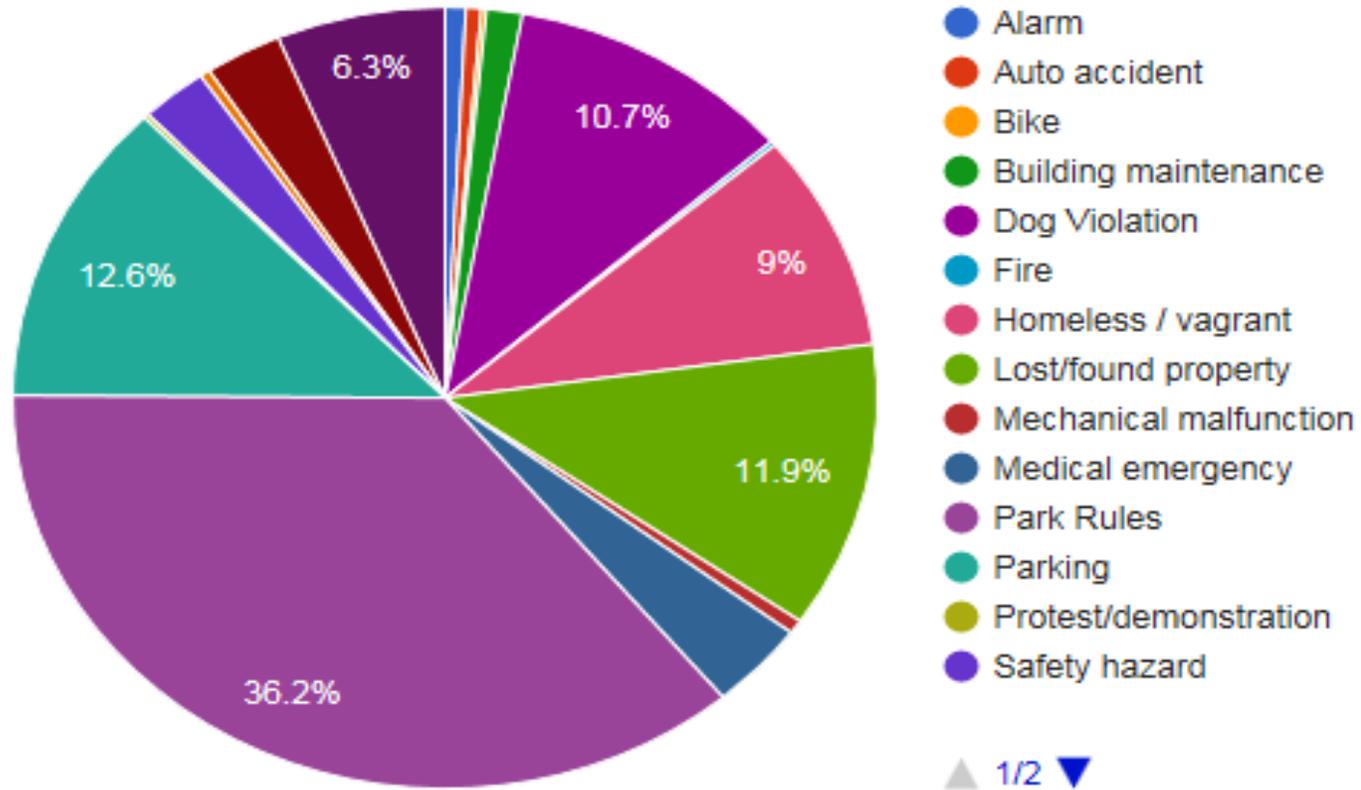
**Presenter:  
Patrick Murphy**

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## Activity Metrics – March 2017 to June 2017

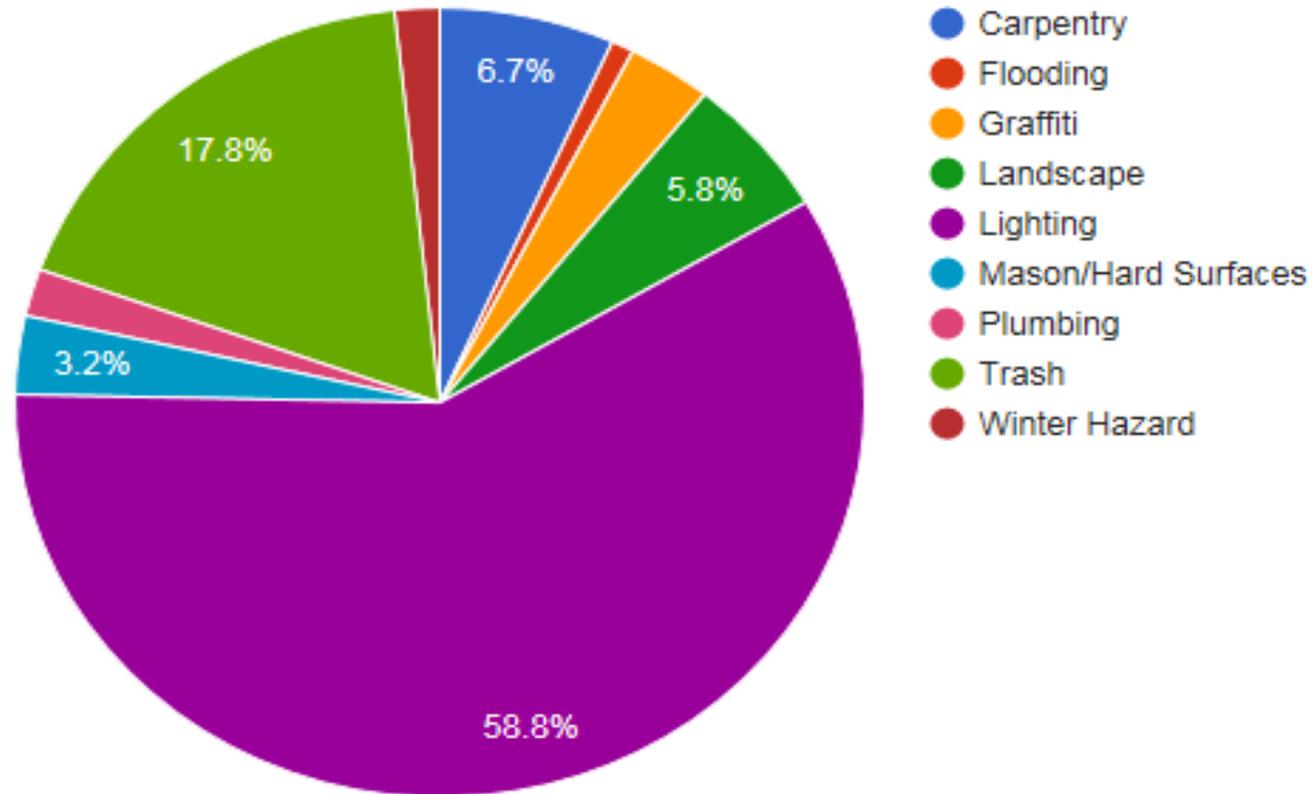
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❖ Information gathered from reports submitted by Safety Ambassadors

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### Maintenance



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## CURRENT FOCUS AREAS AND EVENTS

- Homeless issue on steady increase since the start of June
- Pier A Ticket Sellers displaced – also more aggressive
- Relocating legal vendors
- Enforcing No Pet policy on BPC Ball Fields and in West Thames Park
- Rector Street Lift intercom system checked with Command Center
- Enforcing NO Drones flying in the park
- Live Safe / Brookfield emergency alert notification system
- Monitoring Ball Fields, Teardrop Park, and 75 Battery Place cameras



## **ADDITIONAL SECURITY UPDATES**

- Port Authority Police Bike Patrol – Throughout BPC’s North End
- NYPD Counter Terrorism Unit – On property at Pier A, Wagner Park, and Museum of Jewish Heritage
- NYPD Hercules Unit – At various locations throughout BPC
- NYPD 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct – Monitoring bicyclists / issuing summonses along the Hudson River Greenway
- PBMS – On property for events (Los Lobos, etc.)
- Department of Homeland Security – Routine checks of vessels at North Cove Marina



**Battery Park City  
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AlliedUniversal Command Center

211 North End Avenue

212-945-SAFE (7233)

[bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov](mailto:bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov)

**Emergencies – Call 911**



# DISCUSSION / Q&A



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Thank You for Attending!



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